

## Mathematics 4N - Assignment 3

**1-** Rounding errors. Estimate mesh size  $h$  for which roundoff and approximation errors become comparable.

Since the convergence is quadratic, we have

$$\left| \frac{u(x-h) - 2u(x) + u(x+h))}{h^2} - u''(x) \right| \approx C h^2$$

but in reality  $\Delta \bar{u} = u(x-h) - u(x)$  (or  $\Delta u^+ = u(x+h) - u(x)$ ) is computed with a computer accuracy error  $\varepsilon_m$ :  $\tilde{\Delta} u = \Delta u \pm \varepsilon_m$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\tilde{\Delta} \bar{u} + \tilde{\Delta} u^+}{h^2} &= \frac{\Delta \bar{u} + \Delta u^+ \pm 2\varepsilon_m}{h^2} = \frac{u(x-h) - 2u(x) + u(x+h))}{h^2} \pm \frac{2\varepsilon_m}{h^2} \Rightarrow \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{\Delta} \bar{u} + \tilde{\Delta} u^+}{h^2} &\approx u''(x) + C h^2 \pm \frac{2\varepsilon_m}{h^2} \Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{\Delta} \bar{u} + \tilde{\Delta} u^+}{h^2} - u''(x) \approx C h^2 + \frac{2\varepsilon_m}{h^2} \end{aligned}$$

Then we can find when

$$|C h^2| \approx \left| \frac{2\varepsilon_m}{h^2} \right| \Rightarrow h^4 \approx \frac{2\varepsilon_m}{|C|} \Rightarrow h \approx \sqrt[4]{\frac{2\varepsilon_m}{C}}, \text{ since we are}$$

method's error      truncation error

only estimating the order of magnitude, we take  $h \approx \sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m} = \sqrt[4]{2 \cdot 10^{-16}}$

$$h \in \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt[4]{\varepsilon_m}\right) = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt[4]{2 \cdot 10^{-16}}\right) = \underline{\underline{\mathcal{O}\left(2 \cdot 10^{-4}\right)}}$$

3-

Fixed-point method.

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = g(x)$$

$$g_1(x) := \frac{-2x^3 + x^2 + 2}{2} = x$$

$$g_2(x) := \sqrt[3]{\frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{2}} = x$$

a) Find the expressions for  $g_1'$  and  $g_2'$  and select one of them.

$$g_1'(x) = \frac{-6x^2 + 2x}{2} = -3x^2 + x$$

$$g_2'(x) = \frac{\frac{2x - 2}{2}}{\left(\frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{2}\right)^{2/3}} = \frac{x - 1}{\left(\frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{2}\right)^{2/3}}$$

It's better to select  $g_2$  as our function for many reasons: it's derivative it's much faster to compute (~~expose~~ roots are very slow operations), it's also continuous and a polynomial and it's much easier to check if it's bounded on an interval.

4- Fluid dynamics problem, we got the equation  $x + 2.93 \ln(2.32x/R) = 0$  and want to find it's roots. Set  $R=5000$  and use fixed-point with

$$x^{(k+1)} = g(x^{(k)}), \quad g(x) := -2.93 \ln(2.32x/5000)$$

a) compute  $g'$  and determine whether  $g(x)$ ,  $x > 0$  is increasing, decreasing or non-monotone

$$g'(x) = \frac{-2.93 \cdot \cancel{2.32/5000}}{\cancel{2.32x/5000}} = -\frac{2.93}{x} < 0 \text{ if } x > 0 \Rightarrow$$

$\Rightarrow g(x)$  is decreasing in  $(0, +\infty)$

b) ~~Since~~ compute maximum and minimum values of  $g(x)$  in  $[e, e^3]$

Since  $g(x)$  is decreasing on that interval, then

$$\max_{x \in [e, e^3]} g(x) = g(e) \approx 13.97$$

$$\min_{x \in [e, e^3]} g(x) = g(e^3) \approx 10.12$$

c) Determine the maximum value  $L$  of  $|g'(x)|$  on the interval  $[e, e^3]$ .

Since  $g''(x) = \frac{2.93}{x^2} > 0$  and  $g'(x) < 0$  in that interval, then  $g'$  is an increasing negative function, therefore  $\max_{x \in [e, e^3]} |g'(x)| = \left| \min_{x \in [e, e^3]} g'(x) \right| = |g'(e)| \approx 0.72 := L$

d) For  $x^{(0)} = e^2$ , perform the first fixed-point iter.

$$x^{(0)} = e^2$$

$$x^{(1)} = g(x^{(0)}) = g(e^2) \approx 22.04$$

e) Based on the values of  $x^{(0)}$ ,  $x^{(1)}$  and  $L$ , find an upper bound for reaching a tolerance of  $20^{-3}$ .

Since the problem satisfies the method constraints:  $\begin{cases} g([e, e^3]) \subset [e, e^3] \\ |g'(x)| \leq L < 1 \quad \forall x \in [e, e^3] \end{cases}$

as seen on b) and c), then we can use our a-priori estimate error formula for finding that upper bound:

$$e'_{k+2} \leq \frac{L^{k+2}}{2-L} |x^{(2)} - x^{(0)}| \Rightarrow 20^{-3} < \frac{0.72^{k+2}}{2-0.72} |22.04 - e^2|$$

$$\Rightarrow 20^{-3} < \frac{0.72^{k+2}}{0.29} 4.65 \Rightarrow 6.23 \cdot 20^{-5} < 0.72^{k+2} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\ln(6.23 \cdot 20^{-5})}{\ln(0.72)} - 2 < k \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{27.27 < k}}$$

So we will need at most 28 iterations to reach that tolerance (but the method usually converges faster, this is a generous upper bound).

**5-** We are solving the equation  $\cos \theta - \frac{K\theta}{WL} \theta = 0$  from the structural system analysis. Consider  $L = 1 \text{ m}$ ,  $K = 2 \text{ N/m}$ ,  $K_\theta = 3 \text{ Nm/rad}$  and  $W = 4 \text{ N}$ .

a) Using the simplification  $\cos \theta \approx 1$ , find  $\theta$ .

$$1 - \frac{3 \text{ Nm/rad}}{4 \text{ N} \cdot 1 \text{ m}} \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \underline{\underline{\frac{4}{3} \text{ rad}}}$$

b) Using  $x^{(0)} = \frac{4}{3}$ , compute by hand the first iteration of Newton's method.

~~First, we need to compute the derivative find a function  $g(\theta)$  such that  $g(\theta) = 0$ .~~

First, we need to find the derivative of  $f(\theta) = \cos \theta - \frac{K_\theta}{WL} \theta =$

$$= \cos \theta - \frac{3}{4} \theta$$

$f'(\theta) = -\sin \theta - \frac{3}{4}$ , now let's apply the iterative formula:

$$x^{(1)} = x^{(0)} - \frac{f(x^{(0)})}{f'(x^{(0)})} = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{\cos \frac{4}{3} - 2}{-\sin \frac{4}{3} - \frac{3}{4}} \approx \underline{\underline{2.33}}$$